

and Prevention to develop the National Arthritis Action Plan—an innovative public health strategy that will forcefully confront the burden of Arthritis. Among our goals are improving the scientific information base on arthritis, increasing awareness that arthritis is a national health problem, and encouraging more individuals with arthritis to seek early intervention and treatment to reduce pain and disability.

As we take stock of these accomplishments, it is important to remember the challenges we still face in improving the quality of life for Americans living with arthritis and, ultimately, finding a cure. Thus, as we mark National Arthritis Month, I call on the American public to apply our vast talents, energy, and unbending resolve to continue to find the means and measures to combat arthritis. Through this combined effort, we will find a cure.

THE ADDITION OF COSPONSORS OF
H.R. 3615, THE RURAL LOCAL
BROADCAST SIGNAL ACT

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, all relevant committees have filed their reports on H.R. 3615, the Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act, and I was unable to add Congressman JOHN SPRATT of South Carolina as a cosponsor. However, Congressman SPRATT is a strong supporter of the legislation and agrees that rural citizens deserve to have the benefits provided by the legislation, which passed the House on April 13. I regret that he was not able to be included as an official cosponsor.

TRIBUTE TO NEIL K. BORTZ

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I honor Neil K. Bortz, a friend and community leader, who will receive the Distinguished Service Citation from the National Conference for Community Justice (NCCJ) on May 25. Neil was selected for this prestigious award for distinguishing himself personally and professionally and for furthering the cause of inter-group understanding in our community.

Neil is a Cincinnati native. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, and continued his studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Business, where he received an M.B.A. Neil also served our nation as a Lieutenant in naval aviation.

Neil has been very active in our community. He is one of the founding partners of Towne Properties, a real estate development and management company that specializes in mixed use projects and suburban residential developments. He has served on the boards of the Harvard Business School Club of Cincinnati, where he served as Chairman; the Playhouse in the Park; Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce; the Harvard Club of Cincinnati; Cincinnati 2000 Planning Committee; Cincinnati Country Day School; and the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau. He

also was a member of the Young Presidents Organization.

Neil currently serves on the boards of many local organizations, including the Walnut Hills High School Alumni Foundation, where he is Chairman, and where I recently had the opportunity to join him at an event to celebrate an extraordinarily successful private fundraising effort for this top-ranked public high school. He is also on the board of United Jewish Appeal, where he is Co-Chairman; Cincinnati Equity Fund; Cincinnati Olympic 2012 Committee; and the National Multi-Housing Council. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute Multi-Family Committee and the Presidents Organization.

All of us in Cincinnati are grateful to him for his full devotion and service to our community.

RON SAATHOFF: LABOR LEADER
OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues today I recognize Ron Saathoff, as he is honored by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, at its 12th annual Worker's Memorial Dinner with its Labor leader of the Year Award.

As President of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 145, Ron has been a committed labor leader for many years. He has been a determined advocate for decent wages and benefits for firefighters, and has led the fight to ensure that safety is the Fire Department's highest priority.

Ron has displayed a commitment not only to firefighters, but to the entire labor movement. He serves as a member of the Labor Council Executive Board, and as Chair of the Labor Council's Finance Committee, Ron has helped the Council grow and become a stronger organization.

Through his dedication, Ron has done much to advance the cause of the labor movement in our area. My congratulations go to Ron Saathoff for these significant contributions. I believe him to be highly deserving of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO Labor Leader of the Year Award.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
RECOGNIZES RAYMOND P. FARLEY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the accomplishments of Raymond P. Farley and his contributions to central New Jersey. Over the course of the last thirty-six years, Mr. Farley has worked as a teacher, district supervisor, principal, adjunct college professor, and superintendent.

Mr. Farley has been the Superintendent of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School District since 1990. During his tenure, Hunterdon Central Regional has won a state record three "New Jersey Star School Awards" and nine "New Jersey Best Practices

Awards." It was the first ever Malcolm Baldrige Finalist in Education, and it received the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence. Mr. Farley himself was honored as an Earl Murphy Outstanding Educator/Administrator for 1994.

A constant theme in the accomplishments of Mr. Farley is technology. Hunterdon Central Regional High School has been deemed "One of America's Top 100 Wired High Schools" by Family PC magazine. Hunterdon Central Regional has also won the National School Boards Association's "Technology Leadership Award." The Courier News, in its "1997 People to Watch," remarked, "Hunterdon Central Regional High School Superintendent Raymond Farley revamped the school to make it the most technologically advanced public school in the state." Industry is also aware of the accomplishments of Mr. Farley. The President and CEO of Bellcore has said, "Ray is one of our state's leaders in educational telecommunications."

Mr. Farley has not limited his hard work to the halls of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School District. He has traveled as far away as Singapore, and here to the Capitol to lecture about school reform. Throughout his career, Mr. Farley has worked to spread his talents across many geographic and political boundaries.

Mr. Farley has also found time to share his talents with the community. To name a few, Mr. Farley has served on the Board of Directors of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, and is on the Board of Regents of St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr. Raymond P. Farley has demonstrated dedication to his goals and to the community. Friends, colleagues, and family of Mr. Farley are honoring his exemplary career this week. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Farley's accomplishments.

SALUTE TO MAXINE ALEXANDER

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I salute Maxine I. Alexander who will celebrate her 80th birthday on May 24, 2000. Maxine is an outstanding example of an individual who successfully balanced career and family by working hard, caring for loved ones, and serving others.

Maxine was born in Aurora, Nebraska, where she put the values of caring and serving into action early, becoming a schoolteacher for the Aurora public schools at the age of 17. She continued to serve her community as clerk of the Draft board during the 50's, before going to work for the Bureau of Reclamation with assignments in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Maxine retired in 1987 after a 50-year career and settled in Oakhurst, California where she has spent her retirement traveling and spending time with her family that she loves very much. She is the Mother of 5 children, Grandmother to 13, and Great grandmother to 18. I know that all of her family joins me in congratulating her on her 80th birthday and thanking her for her life of service and caring. Happy Birthday Maxine.